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 Examiner : Dr. Geoffrey Akers, P.E. (Tel 703-306-5844)

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Sir:

Supplemental to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) submitted June 13, 2003, transmitted is a second preliminary amendment.

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AFTER RCE

Sir:

Prior to an office action after the 6-13-03 RCE and supplemental to the 6-13-03 response to the November 12, 2002 Office Action, and supplemental to the December 19, 2003 preliminary amendment, please amend the claims in accordance with attached sheets.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 5, 15 to 66 are now in the application claims 54 to 66 have been added. Claims 1 to 5 and 15 to 35 are believed to be patentable for the reasons set forth in the 6-13-03 parent amendment, and claims 36 to 53 are believed to be patentable for the reasons stated in the 12-19-03 amendment.